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Tom,

You bring up a good point however I'd have to be a mad man to refute your argument. MTR is down right the most environmentally devastating activity we are STILL conducting in the pursuit of energy production. It needs to be stopped. So my stance, yeah, put up all the windmills we can if it would stop MTR. However, I still believe windmills are a band-aid on our energy crisis; they will never be efficient enough to replace the power plants.

Anyways, my experience and argument is that wind farm construction's current trend is that they are exceeding bad at site selection. The windmill companies are prying on satellite towns of where coal once was the industry. The land, which is a heavy tax burden on the owners, are subdued into believing that 'this is going to be the footprint of the project' and the money will be pouring into your pockets. The project always goes beyond its original footprint; it is the nature and scale of these projects. And the money, well, nuff said.

These towns that have eager tenants for the windmills, almost always have reclaimed mine spoils nearby where there is no trees and earth that probably will remain barren. Additionally, most of the time, these areas are still owned by the power companies i.e. Dominions, by the Allegany Powers, the same folks that are selling us the "energy" produced from windmills.

My point is that its strange how the investors (power companies etc) and the wind farm contractors (Gamesa) have no problem dealing with the lease agreements and cost/spending towards the infrastructure when they 1) Have their own land to do it on 2) the land has very poor habitat for anything (no endangered specie issues) 3) and I don't think they would be receiving the opposition that they currently do (less lawyers).

The only part that makes sense to me is the money, it can due anything. But like someone once said, "You can't put a price on the environment".